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President of the United States
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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for prioritizing both the climate and nature crises during your first 100 days in office.

As organizations with missions to protect Colorado's great outdoors and help everyone have equitable access to - and benefit from - them, we thank you for the bold vision for an economic recovery that you put forward with your "American Jobs Plan."

In addition to the historic investments in climate-friendly infrastructure, we thank you for including several key programs in this bill. In particular, we thank you for bold ideas including the Civilian Climate Corps, plugging abandoned and orphaned wells, and cleaning up legacy mines.

We encourage your administration to keep pursuing these bold ideas by continuing to draw from legislation such as the 21st Century Conservation Corps Act (H.R. 1162/S. 487). This bill, led by Rep. Joe Neguse and Sen. Ron Wyden, invests in conservation and restoration jobs and workforce training; addresses the deferred maintenance backlog on our public lands; expands recreation access; and improves access to clean drinking water. Colorado will benefit from these programs and we wholeheartedly support it.

The pandemic has provided an opportunity to "build back better." We must not only work to return our economy, public health, and environment to normal, but instead should take the opportunity to improve them. The investments outlined above are several excellent ways to do just that.

We must address the climate crisis, improve the resilience of nature, get more people outside, and put Americans back to work. We look forward to joining you in putting a new generation of Americans to work conserving our public lands and waters.

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